including awareness about the Rural Development Schemes at grass root level, transparency, accountability and social audit by the Gram Panchayat to provide benefits of the rural development programmes to target groups.

Providing funds for potable water to States

1762. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government provides funds to the States for potable water facilities under the Rapid Village Water Supply Programme in rural areas;

(b) if so, the number of habitations covered so far and likely to be covered under the said programme along with the amount to be spent therein and the time limit fixed for the same, in the State of Rajasthan;

(c) the status and achievement made under the said programme in Rajasthan;

(d) in above context, whether there is any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan is pending for consideration with the Centre; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and timeframe for its disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) The Central Government provides funds to the States for drinking water facilities in rural areas under a centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP).

(b) and (c) As per the report received from Government of Rajasthan, 9167 habitations have been covered during 2005-2006 till 31st January, 2006 against the target of coverage of 9952 habitations. It is envisaged to cover all uncovered habitations as well as to address the problem of slippage and quality by 2008-09 under the drinking water component of Bharat Nirman. During the year 2005-06, an amount of Rs. 49722.66 lakh has been released to Rajasthan under various components of ARWSP.

(d) and (e) The funds under ARWSP are released as per a laid down criterion. The State Governments are empowered to plan, sanction

implement and execute rural water supply projects from ARWSP funds. Hence no proposal needs any clearance of the Central Government.

RGNDW Mission in Rajasthan

1763. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released to the State of Rajasthan under Rajeev Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission during Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) the district-wise details of projects under taken under the Mission in the State of Rajasthan during said period;

(c) what has been achieved thereby, and could it be termed satisfactory;

(d) whether grants have also been given to voluntary organizations/ NGOs under the scheme, in Rajasthan;

(e) if so, the details and achievements thereof; and

(f) what steps Government have taken to ensure target oriented achievement under RGNDWM?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) Rajeev Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) for rendering financial assistance to State Governments with a view to supplement their efforts in providing drinking water facilities in rural habitations. During the Tenth Plan, the amount released to Government of Rajasthan is Rs. 1372.91 crores as per following details:—

Year	Amount Released (Rs. in crores)
2002-03	235.96
2003-04	269.06
2004-05	370.66
2005-06 (as on 5.3.2006)	497.23
Total:	1372.91

(b) and (c) Rural drinking water is a State subject. State Governments are empowered to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural Water